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I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of why I so eagerly support this bill. My name is Kelly Flanagan and I am from Enfield, CT. I am a reimbursement specialist for a homecare pharmacy specializing in bleeding disorders. I feel so privileged to be part of a dedicated group of people who constantly work to improve the quality of life for those with bleeding disorders such as Hemophilia. Hemophilia is a disease that can disrupt one's quality of life if not treated properly.

Part of my job as a reimbursement specialist is to make sure claims are billed properly and paid accordingly. Over the past few years I have observed such wrong doings by insurance companies. I see how they take away people's choice and rights to choose where they go for their prescription drugs. It is so critical that people have the right to go to a qualified pharmacy. We all want what is best for ourselves and our families, we go to the pharmacy that we trust and know we can count on. I feel as though insurance companies are bullying their way with people who have chronic disorders. They should have the right to go where they have the most confidence and trust in a pharmacy.

I know how hard it is for people to get coverage and the assurance of payment for things they need. This is why the bill is so important to me. This bill will make sure people with bleeding disorders get at least the minimum they need. Insurance companies are making it extremely difficult for people to get proper coverage and keep coverage. They have such high deductibles and co insurance that cause financial hardships. If they have a life time cap a person with hemophilia will meet that cap quickly. This is why people need to know what is being billed to the insurance.

My heart goes out to those with this disease as nothing is easy for them right down to how insurance companies dictate how claims will be paid or where one has to go to get medication. People should have the right to go where they feel comfortable and assured of the level of care they are getting. There are constant obstacles that we need to get around to get payment. It feels like it is one fight after another. This is why pharmacies dispensing clotting medications need to be able to provide support to help people with insurance reimbursements.

These people have so much to worry about; it is so disturbing to me that insurance is a huge part of that worry. By passing this bill it will make a tremendous impact on those with a bleeding disorder. It will alleviate some stress and worries and allow people to concentrate on the more important aspects of having the best quality of life they deserve.

Thank You very much for allowing me to explain the importance and impact I feel this bill would have.

Sincerely,
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